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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Goodwill Day

May 18, 1938

TORONTO

"GOODWILL DAY"

MESSAGE FROM

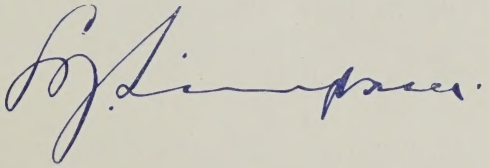
THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION FOR ONTARIO

It gives me great pleasure to forward to the teachers and pupils of the schools of Ontario a copy of the seventeenth annual Goodwill Message from the school children of Wales. This message will be broadcast by the B.B.C. to all the countries of the world on Wednesday, May 18, 1938, a day which is known as GOODWILL DAY, or the children's WORLD PEACE DAY. As the broadcast will be repeated at different times to suit the convenience of the various countries to which it will be sent, inquiry should be made from the local Radio stations to ascertain the time at which it may be heard in this province. Many pupils will no doubt be unable to hear the actual broadcast. Teachers are therefore invited to read the message to their classes at some convenient time during the day.

May 18 is observed in memory of the conference of the governments of the world, held May 18, 1899, at The Hague, in Holland, to discuss peace without direct relation to any particular war. While many peace conferences had been held before this date during, or after, wars, this was the first time in the history of the world that the subject of peace had been discussed officially by governments in time of peace.

The day is not a school holiday but is a day on which special reference should be made to the importance of creating and promoting feelings of friendship and goodwill among all peoples and nations of the world. It is the WORLD PEACE DAY adopted by such international organizations of the World Federation of Education and is the only international day common to all peoples East and West.

It seems eminently fitting, therefore, in these times of wars and threatenings of wars in so many parts of this troubled and weary world that both teachers and pupils should turn aside for a time from the routine of regular class-room work to consider the necessity of exerting any influence they can to encourage the promotion of the spirit of peace and goodwill among the nations.



Toronto,
April, 1938.

TEXT OF THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MESSAGE

to be Broadcast on

"GOODWILL DAY", MAY 18, 1938.

THIS IS WALES CALLING! THE BOYS AND GIRLS OF WALES ARE CALLING THE BOYS AND GIRLS OF ALL THE WORLD!

WE REJOICE TO THINK THAT, ABOVE THE TUMULT, ON THIS ONE DAY OF THE YEAR, WE CAN GREET EACH OTHER AS MEMBERS OF ONE GREAT FAMILY, THE FAMILY OF THE NATIONS OF THE FUTURE.

THE WORLD IS FULL OF SUFFERING, CRUELTY AND STRIFE. AND WE ARE TOLD THAT CIVILISATION MAY PERISH. LET US TELL THE WORLD THAT CIVILISATION SHALL NOT PERISH.

MORE THAN EVER THE WORLD NEEDS WHAT WE ALONE CAN GIVE — THE CONFIDENCE AND THE COMRADESHIP OF YOUTH.

MAY WE THEN, ON THIS GOODWILL DAY, DEDICATE OURSELVES AFRESH TO THE SERVICE OF OUR FELLOWS IN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLES, TO THE SERVICE OF OUR HOME, OF OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD, OF OUR COUNTRY SO THAT OUR COUNTRY MAY BETTER SERVE THE WORLD TO WHICH WE ALL BELONG?

SO SHALL WE, MILLIONS OF US, GROW UP TO BE THE FRIENDS OF ALL AND THE ENEMIES OF NONE.